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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS GOF IN RESPONSE TO GOF AIDE MEMOIRE:

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" THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE' S NOTE OF MARCH 29, 1973, SETTING FORTH THE ELEMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT REACHED WITH REGARD TO QUOTA RESTRICTIONS INCLUDED IN THE UNITED STATES' ARTICLE XXIII:2 COMPLAINT TO THE GATT.

WE WISH TO CONFIRM THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE' S UNDER-
STANDING OF THE TERMS AGREED UPON FOR THE FOLLOWING
PRODUCTS:

A) DRIED AND DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES (07.03 EX C);
CANNED TOMATOES (20.02 C); TOMATO JUICE (20.07 B EX II);
AND CANNED FRUIT (20.06 B EX II), WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF CANNED PINEAPPLES-- TERMINATION OF ALL QUOTAS
EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1975.

CTS FIELD, SIMPLY TO MEET
WHAT THE FRENCH REFER TO AS THE " US- USSR SEQUENCE OF
EVENTS" WORKED OUT LAST FALL.

5. IN NAC DISCUSSIONS DURING THE RECESS, AMBASSADOR
RUMSFELD HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT:

-- WE FULLY AGREE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HUMAN
CONTACTS TOPIC SHOULD BE STRESSED AT THE OUTSET
OF MPT IV, BUT ALSO BELIEVE THAT WORK SHOULD PRO-
CEED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION SIMULTANEOUSLY ON
ALL ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION;

-- WHILE THE LATE JUNE DATE IS NOT A DEADLINE, IT IS
DOUBTFUL THAT A LATER DATE WOULD PRODUCE
ADDITIONAL SOVIET FLEXIBILITY, AND DILATORY
TACTICS BY THE ALLIES WOULD BE COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE, CREATING OBVIOUS PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE
(I. E., IN MBFR);

6. WE HAVE TOLD THE SOVIETS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT:

-- SINCE AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE ON THE FRONTIER
INVOLABILITY QUESTION HAS BEEN INFORMALLY PRO-
POSED BY THE FRG;

-- THE BEST MEANS TO PROMOTE EXPEDITIOUS PROCEEDINGS
AT MPT IV WOULD BE FOR THE SOVIETS TO LET IT BE
KNOWN DURING THE BREAK THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO
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SHOW SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THE HUMAN CONTACTS ISSUE.

7. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS HAVE LIMITED THEMSELVES TO REITERATING IN STRONG TERMS THEIR CONCERN AT THE SLOW PACE AT MPT, AND HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED GREATER US ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING MPT.

8. WE HAVE ASSURED THE SOVIETS THAT WE CONTINUE TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO BEGINNING CSCE IN LATE JUNE AND HAVE REMINDED THEM OF OUR EFFORTS AT HELSINKI TO MOVE AHEAD MORE RAPIDLY. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO POINT OUT TO THEM IN GENERAL TERMS WHERE SOME COMPROMISES MIGHT BE FOUND. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER OUR EFFORTS AND SIMILAR EFFORTS BY SEVERAL OF OUR ALLIES WILL HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT. PORTER

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